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1. EMBASSY INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO VON DER MEHDEN/SOLIGO RESEARCH PROJECT DESCRIBED REF AIRGRAM. WE BELIEVE TOPICS TO BE COVERED UNDER PROPOSED PROJECT WILL BE USEFUL ADDITION TO ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE OF MALAYSIAN ECONOMY AND POLITICAL INTER-RELATIONSHIPS. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT RESEARCH ON INCOME DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN MAJOR ETHNIC GROUPS (CHINESE-MALAY) AS WELL AS WITHIN MALAY COMMUNITY WILL BE VIEWED AS POLITICALLY SENSITIVE BY GOM. IN PARTICULAR, PROBLEMS OF INEQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN LATE 1974 AND IN CONTINUING STUDENT AND OPPOSITION PARTY SENTIMENT FAVORING MORE FORTHRIGHT GOM ACTION AGAINST CORRUPTION, PARTICULARLY INVOLVING MALAY ELITE.

2. GOM PERMISSION WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE THIS RESEARCH IS UNDERTAKEN. DEPARTMENT AID AND RESEARCHERS SHOULD THEREFORE COMPLY WITH GOM REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN K.L. A-133, 10/7/74.

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